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No. 24 North Main street, Decatur, Illinois.
Qualifications: Admitted to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1877, by the court of Macou county, Illinois, on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1877. I have taken the oath of office and qualification, and am ready to perform the duties of the office.

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To Peter Hill, or whom it may concern:

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THE RELIABLE MAN.

Of all the qualities that combine to form a good character, there is not one more important than reliability. Most emphatically is this true of the character of a good business man. The word itself embraces both truth and honesty, and the reliable man must necessarily be truthful and honest. We see so much all around us that exhibits the absence of this crowning quality that we are tempted in our bilious moods to deny its very existence. But there are, nevertheless, reliable men, men to be depended upon, to be trusted, in whom you may repose confidence, whose word is as good as their bond and whose promise is performance. If any one of you know such a man, make him your friend. You can only do so, however, by assimilating his character.

The reliable man is a man of good judgment. He does not jump at conclusions. He is not a frivolous man. He is thoughtful. He turns over a subject in his mind and looks at it all around. He is not a partial or one-sided man. He sees through a thing. He is apt to be a very reticent man. He does not have to talk a great deal. He is a moderate man, not only in habits of body, but also of mind. He is not a passionate man; if so by nature, he has overcome it by grace. He is a sincere man, not a plotter or schemer. He does not promise rashly. What he says may be relied on. He is a trustworthy man. You feel safe with your property or the administration of affairs in his hands. He is a watchful, vigilant man. You feel secure within his protection. He is a brave man, for his conclusions are logically deduced from the sure basis of truth, and he does not fear to maintain them. He is a good man, for no one can be thoroughly honest and truthful without being good. Is such a quality attainable? Most assuredly so. It is not born, it is made. Character may be formed; of course then its component parts may be molded to that firmness.

"THE SHADOW OF AN ASS."

The Greeks had a proverb that runs thus: "To dispute on the shadow of an ass." This took rise from an anecdote which Demosthenes is said to have related to the Athenians to excite their attention during his defense of a criminal which was being but inattentively listened to. "A traveler," he said, "once went from Athens to Megara on a hired ass. It happened to be at the time of the dog days, at noon. He was much exposed to the unmitigated heat of the sun, and not finding so much as a bush under which to take shelter, he betwined himself to descend from the ass and seek himself under its shadow. The owner of the donkey, who accompanied him, objected to this, declaring to him that when he let the animal, the use of its shadow was not included in the bargain. The dispute at last grew so warm that it got to blows, and finally gave rise to an action of law." After having said so much, Demosthenes continued the defense of his client; but his auditors, whose curiosity he had piqued, were anxious to know how the judges decided on so singular a cause. Upon this the orator commented severely on their childish injustice in devoting with attention a paltry story about an ass shadow while they turned a deaf ear to a cause in which the life of a human being was involved. From that day when a man showed a preference for discussing small and contemptible subjects to great and important ones, he was said "to dispute on the shadow of an ass."

"GERMAN SYRUP."

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of curative qualities as Roschke's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed by a large number of druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist and ask what they know about it. Sample bottles ten cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. Jan. 22-1878

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that all lands and lots delinquent on the 16th day of March next, by reason of non-payment of taxes for the year 1877, will be returned to be sold therefor. Payments may be made in the meantime without cost, at the office of the collector, No. 11 Water street—Newell & Hanger's old stand. W. W. FOWLER, Collector, Decatur Township. Feb. 18-1878

We are always pleased to recommend a good article. Mr. Marshall's Lung Syrup never fails to cure a Cough or Cold in a short time. Try it. Only 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists. Feb 27-1878

Nobby—Those new shoes at Barber & Baker's. Be sure and see them before you buy. Feb 25-1878

The Old Dominion Buck Gloves and Mitts, the best and cheapest in America. at Jan. 23-1878

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We must make room for its reception in our Retail Branches. Therefore we will sell

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Now is Your Time to Buy

OVERCOATS,

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Heavy Boots and Shoes,

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At prices not to suit us, but to suit you and the times. We must make

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F. M. Garver

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of

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Walsh Railroad, first door north of the

Grocery, where he will always have on hand a

full line of

Fresh Meats, Sausage, Pickling, Etc.

at as low prices as can be had in the city of

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and keeps none but the best meats.

Dec. 18-77

Redemption Notices.

To B. T. Baughn, or whom it may concern:

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To John C. Dunlap, or whom it may concern:

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S. J. HUNTER, M.D.
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Redemption Notices.

To Wm. Benton, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: Lot 4, east half southwest quarter section 19, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third P. M., taxed in the name of William Benton; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To Peter Hill, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: Lot 4, southwest quarter section 22, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third principal meridian, taxed in the name of Peter Hill; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

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THE RELIABLE MAN.

Of all the qualities that combine to form a good character, there is not one more important than reliability. Most emphatically is this true of the character of a good business man. The word itself embraces both truth and honesty, and the reliable man must necessarily be truthful and honest. We see so much all around us that exhibits the absence of this crowning quality that we are tempted in our bilious moods to deny its very existence. But there are, nevertheless, reliable men, men to be depended upon, to be trusted, in whom you may repose confidence, whose word is as good as their bond and whose promise is performance. If any one of you know such a man, make him your friend. You can only do so, however, by assimilating his character.

The reliable man is a man of good judgment. He does not jump at conclusions. He is not a frivolous man. He is thoughtful. He turns over a subject in his mind and looks at it all around. He is not a partial or one-sided man. He sees through a thing. He is apt to be a very reticent man. He does not have to talk a great deal. He is a moderate man, not only in habits of body, but also of mind. He is not a passionate man, if so by nature, he has overcome it by grace. He is a sincere man, not a plotter or schemer. He does not promise rashly. What he says may be relied on. He is a trustworthy man. You feel safe with your property or the administration of affairs in his hands. He is a watchful, vigilant man. You feel secure within his protection. He is a brave man, for his conclusions are logically deduced from the sure basis of truth, and he does not fear to maintain them. He is a good man, for no one can be thoroughly honest and truthful without being good. Is such a quality attainable? Most assuredly so. It is not born, it is made. Character may be formed; of course then its component parts may be molded to that formation.

"THE SHADOW OF AN ASS."

The Greeks had a proverb that runs thus: "To dispute on the shadow of an ass." This took rise from an anecdote which Demosthenes is said to have related to the Athenians to excite their attention during his defense of a criminal which was being but inattentively listened to. "A traveler," he said, "once went from Athens to Megara on a hired ass. It happened to be at the time of the dog days, at noon. He was much exposed to the unmitigated heat of the sun, and not finding so much as a bush under which to take shelter, he bethought himself to descend from the ass and seat himself under its shadow. The owner of the donkey, who accompanied him, objected to this, declaring to him that when he let the animal, the use of its shadow was not included in the bargain. The dispute at last grew so warm that it got to blows, and finally gave rise to an action of law." After having said so much, Demosthenes continued the defense of his client; but his auditors, whose curiosity he had piqued, were anxious to know how the judges decided on so singular a cause. Upon this the orator commented severely on their childish injustice in devoting with attention a paltry story about an ass' shadow while they turned a deaf ear to a cause in which the life of a human being was involved. From that day when a man showed a preference for discussing small and contemptible subjects to great and important ones, he was said "to dispute on the shadow of an ass."

"GERMAN SYRUP."

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of curative qualities as Roschke's German Syrup. In three years two million from hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed free of charge by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The Syrup has been tried by Druggists in every town and village in the United States and is recommended to their customers. Go to your Druggist and ask what they know about it. Sample Bottles ten cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. **Jan. 22-1878**

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that all lands and lots delinquent on the 10th day of March next, by reason of non-payment of taxes for the year 1877, will be returned to be sold therefor. Payments may be made in the meantime without cost, at the office of the collector. No. 11 Water street—Newell & Hamner's old stand. **W. W. FOERSTER.** Collector, Decatur Township. **Feb. 18-1878**

We are always pleased to recommend a good article. Mr. Marshall's Lung Syrup never fails to cure a Cough or Cold in a short time. Try it. Only 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists. **Feb 27-1878**

Nobby—Those new shoes at Barber & Baker's. Be sure and see them before you buy. **Feb 25-1878**

The Old Dominion Buck Gloves and Mitts, the best and cheapest in America, at **Jan. 23-1878**

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At prices not to suit us, but to suit you and the times. We must make room for New Stock, and we will do it.

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Feb. 18, 1877

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Flour is Giving Splendid Satisfaction.

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FRESH MEATS!

F. M. Carver

W. H. L. respectfully informs the citizens of Decatur that he has bought the meat market formerly owned by the Krebs & Strasser, on North Water street, north of the Washburn Railroad, first door north of Hecker's Grocery, where he will always have on hand a full line of

Fresh Meats, Sausage, Pickling, Etc.

at as low prices as can be had in the city of Decatur. He kills none but first-class stock and keeps none but the best meats. **Dec. 15-1877**

Redemption Notices.

To B. T. Brough, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: North and east half southwest quarter section 26, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third P. M., taxed in the name of B. T. Brough; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To Jan. C. Dunlap, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: North and east half southwest quarter section 26, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third P. M., taxed in the name of Jan. C. Dunlap; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

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To S. A. Knight and G. W. Baker, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: Two acres in the east side of the southeast quarter southwest quarter northeast quarter section 26, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third principal meridian, taxed in the name of S. A. Knight and G. W. Baker; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To Stephen Shively, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: East part east half southwest quarter section 26, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third principal meridian, taxed in the name of Stephen Shively; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To Cynthia Myers, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: South half of lot 21, northwest quarter of northeast quarter section 26, township 10 north, range 2 east of the third principal meridian, taxed in the name of Cynthia Myers; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To Frank Prather, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: Three-fourth acre on the east side of lot 3, southwest quarter of northeast quarter section 10, township 16 north, range 2 east of the third P. M., taxed in the name of Frank Prather; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**

To John D. C. Foster, or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878, for the taxes for the year 1875, I purchased the following described tract of land, to-wit: North and west half lot 3, northeast quarter section 2, township 16 north, range 2 east of the third P. M., taxed in the name of John D. C. Foster; and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1878. **JOHN N. BILLS.**</

